

Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | April 25-29, 2022



TOWN CALENDAR

May 2 | 6:00 PM

Line Dancing Class

May 4 | 8:30 AM

Beautification Committee Meeting

May 4 | 6:30 PM

Yoga Class

May 5 | 8:30 AM

Tourism Development Authority Meeting

May 5 | 12:00 PM

Community Day of Prayer

May 9 | 5:30 PM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

May 10 | 4:30 PM

Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 11 | 12:00 PM

Senior Lunch & Learn

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

It is a great time in the town of Burgaw!

It is finally spring, and with beautiful weather, warmer temperatures, and longer days, we are all happy to be able to get out to enjoy the town and all it has to offer.



You will see that landscaping has been freshened up throughout the town, along with some repairs and paving projects underway. We are excited to begin work with our Beatification committee to further enhance the charm and characteristics of the town.

Our downtown business district continues to be inviting with updated awnings and facades along with some additional business expansions and growth. We look forward to our new businesses and the growth of others that continue to thrive and serve the community.

Our local Chamber of Commerce has

been busy attracting new members while hosting networking event opportunities and many ribbon cuttings throughout town for new and established businesses all while supporting its members.

We are looking forward to upcoming events, Festivals, Farmers' Markets, and Summer Concerts on the Square. Our festivals and events throughout the town promote community and tradition all while providing fun hometown experiences, encouraging local support, and contributing to a great place to live.

Please visit the Town of Burgaw's website, social media, and our weekly newsletter for updates on what is happening in town.

Mayor Olivia Dawson

MEETING DATE CHANGE NOTICE

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting for June has been changed to Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The meeting will begin as usual at 4:30 PM with the Public Forum/Public Hearings beginning around 5:30 PM. All interested parties are invited to attend. The July meeting will be held as normal, on the second Tuesday of the month, July 12, 2022.



Mayor Dawson and Commissioner Harrell attend CityVision2022

Mayor Dawson and Commissioner Harrell attended the annual CityVision2022 Conference through the North Carolina League of Municipalities April 26-28. This year's event was hosted by the City of Wilmington. Sessions and workshops focused on leadership, emerging issues in our communities, planning and community growth, and working with funding and requirements related to the American Rescue Plan.

Harrell Memorial Park received updating this week

We are pleased to announce that the parking lot at Harrell Memorial Park has been re-surfaced. Special thanks to Public Works for assisting our department with this project. We hope all of our residents enjoy this new upgrade to our local park.



The town has a historical self-guided walking tour! Pick yours up at Town Hall today!



Stay informed with CodeRed®

We encourage our citizens to follow us on Facebook and our website for important updates. Town staff also urges citizens to sign up with CodeRED Emergency Notifications. This program is free and easy to sign up. You have the options to enter your phone numbers and/or email address to receive critical notifications from the town, such as severe weather alerts, important information, boil water advisories, etc. Sign up today by visiting BurgawNC.gov and click "Code Red Signup" at the bottom of the homepage. You may contact Town Hall at 259-2151 for questions or assistance.

New looks downtown

Two more projects that were approved by the Downtown Business Improvement District have been completed. Take a cruise down West Fremont Street and you will see new awnings have been installed above the spaces occupied by Sasi's World, Southern Chic and Small Town Nutrition. Property owner John Johnson says, "I am very excited about the program. I think it's an ideal opportunity to increase the beauty and visibility of the individual buildings. I believe the improvements will bring more people downtown and aid in the success of the businesses in the district."



117 West
Fremont
Street

115 West
Fremont
Street





Burgaw Fire Department holds public input session

On Monday, April 25th, the Burgaw Fire Department hosted a public input session concerning our request that the Pender County Board of Commissioners increase the tax for the Pender Central Fire District (PCFD) from \$0.09 / 100 to \$0.11 / 100. This would be the first increase in nine years. Since that time, we have added seven full-time employees and have a minimum staffing of 2 firefighters in the station 24/7. Direct cost for personnel are only part of the reason we need additional funding. We have to purchase and maintain fire apparatus, structural firefighting gear, air packs (SCBA), radios, hose, and other various equipment.

Some of the key points we presented were:

- Decreased the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating in the PCFD from a 9 to a 5, the same as the Town of Burgaw, as well as now having a 9E in the 5–6-mile area
- Have a minimum of two personnel to respond to calls 24/7
- Met the standards for and been given permission by the Authority having Jurisdiction to run medical calls in our Fire District
- Equipped Squad 15 with the extrication equipment for motor vehicle accidents
- Remodeled the station to accommodate more people to stay in station overnight
- Reduced our incident response times due to the increase in full-time staffing

Also, we discussed tasks that our members do, including:

- Perform daily apparatus and equipment checks for all six trucks
- Conduct inventories and clean the station
- Perform fire inspections in the Town and pre-plan buildings for incidents throughout our District
- Test and maintain hydrants in Town and in the District
- Participate in public education events at local schools in our district, as well as set up at festivals and other public events
- Provide car seat checks
- Train during the day and almost every Thursday night
- Respond to calls!



The citizens of the PCFD that attend the meeting supported our effort, with no one expressing opposition. Although we have added these full-time positions, we still heavily rely on our volunteer and part-time members.



REMINDER FROM BURGAW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please remember **open burning of trash and yard debris is not allowed in town limits**, pursuant to NC Administrative Code 02D.1903(b)(1)(B). Trash collection and yard debris pickup is available to all town residents.

For questions regarding open burning, contact the Burgaw Fire Department at 910-259-7494. For questions regarding trash/yard debris pickup, please call the Burgaw Public Works Department at 910-259-2901.

Police Department's RU Okay Program

The Burgaw Police Department would like to remind residents and family members of the RU Okay? Program. The program calls individuals weekly to check their safety and security. The program is open to Burgaw residents who are elderly, shut ins, or just could use someone to check in on them throughout the week. Those individuals are also notified during inclement weather conditions such as hurricanes or ice storms of safety concerns. If you or a family member are interested in being added to the program, please contact the Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924.



National Day of Prayer

Join Mayor Dawson and others on the Courthouse Square on Thursday, May 5th at 12 noon for a Community Day of Prayer event.

Filling a swimming pool soon? Contact us first!

The weather is getting warmer and pools are popping up all over town. Be sure to contact us before you start filling your swimming pool. Each year, we like to remind our residents that an adjustment can be made to the sewer portion of their utility bill when filling a pool— only if accurate meter readings are on file! So, before you turn the water on, call us so we can obtain an accurate reading before and after filling your pool. For questions regarding pool fills, please contact our Customer Service Representative at 663-3445.



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Equipment Operator
- Utility Technician
- Volunteer Firefighter

Visit BurgawNC.gov for more information.



Chicken Parmesan Pizza



You Will Need

- 1 (10 oz) package frozen garlic bread loaf
- 1/2 c. canned pizza sauce
- 6 deli fried chicken strips
- 1 c. (4 oz) shredded Italian three-cheese blend
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange garlic bread, buttered sides up, on a baking sheet.
2. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 9 minutes or until bread is lightly browned. Spread pizza sauce over garlic bread.
3. Cut chicken strips into 1/2-inch pieces, and arrange over pizza sauce. Sprinkle with cheese and basil.
4. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve immediately.

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your community?

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town*! Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or drop off at Town Hall.

Classes, Events & Senior Activities

Senior Lunch & Learn set for May 11

Lunch & Learn is our free monthly event where seniors are invited to grab some lunch and hear a guest speaker! Our next Lunch & Learn will be May 11th at the Burgaw Community House, located at 102 E. Wilmington Street. Doors will open at 11:45, and lunch will begin around 12 noon. The guest speaker for the event is Cathy Guidry from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Mark your calendars for Family Bingo Night

Join us on Friday, May 27th for Family Bingo Night at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot! Tickets are \$5.00 per person for the basic package (1 card per person) and \$9.00 per person for a pro package (2 additional cards). The event is from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM with doors opening at 5:45 pm. Participants can register at burgawnc.gov/bingo. For more information contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office at (910) 300-6401 or email at recreation@burgawnc.gov.



Park restroom facilities remain closed for renovations

Hankins Memorial Park and Rotary Park restroom facilities will remain closed throughout the weekend and into next week to complete renovations. Our department is working hard to get these facilities completed and re-opened. We ask that all residents continue to use the temporary restrooms located at the parks. For further information on the park restrooms, contact Parks, Recreation & Tourism at (910) 300-6401.

No Line
Dancing
Class on May
30th due to
Memorial
Day!



Our Summer on the Square concert series is back, and you won't want to miss it! Our five-concert series begins on June 2nd and continues every other week until July 28th. This event is a partnership with Pender County and the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority. Check out the flyer below! Concerts will be 6:30-8:30 pm on Pender County Courthouse Square. See page 6 for the Summer on the Square flyer.

UPCOMING FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, May 7
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Downtown Burgaw

*Vendor registration is available at
burgawnc.gov/market*

COME GET FIT WITH US!

Join us for our
fitness classes by
registering online
at [burgawnc.gov/
register!](http://burgawnc.gov/register!)

LINE DANCING

Mondays at 6:00 PM
Historic Train Depot

YOGA CLASS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Community House

ZUMBA CLASS

Thursdays at 5:30 PM
Community House

PENDER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BURGAW PRESENT



SUMMER ON THE SQUARE

2022 LINEUP

THE BRITISH INVADERS | JUNE 2

MASSIVE GRASS | JUNE 16

CARL NEWTON'S REVIEW | JUNE 30

CAT5 BAND | JULY 14

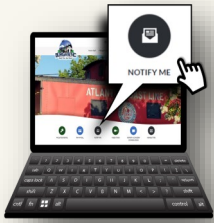
THE CRUISE BROTHERS BAND | JULY 28

**ALL CONCERTS 6:30-8:30 PM ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE
FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE**

CALL 910-259-1330 OR 910-300-6401 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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2022 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

<u>EAST side of Railroad</u> <u>Right-of-way</u>	<u>WEST side of Railroad</u> <u>Right-of-way</u>
May 4	April 27
May 18	May 11
June 1	May 25
June 15	June 8
June 29	June 22
July 13	July 6
July 27	July 20
August 10	August 3
August 24	August 17
September 7	August 31
September 21	September 14
October 5	September 28
October 19	October 12

"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

Meeting Schedule

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM

Tourism Development Authority Meetings

First Thursday of every month at 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November at 5:30 PM

Police Advisory Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November at 5:30 PM

Beautification Committee Meetings

First and Third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 AM

All meetings listed above are open to the public; oral and written comments always welcome. The meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

June 17-18
Downtown Burgaw



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Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities

663-3445

Parks & Town Events

300-6401

Human Resources

663-3444

Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

Public Works Department

259-2901

Police Department

Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department

Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor

Olivia Dawson

Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners

Jan Dawson
Bill George
Vernon Harrell
James Malloy

Town Manager

James H. Gantt

Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark



Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.